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PROCEEDINGS.

PINSON, ALA., September 15, 1899.

1. The Birmingham Baptist Association met this day at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the meeting house of the Salem Baptist Church, in its sixty-sixth annual session, and was called to order by the former Moderator, Prof. R. J. Waldrop.

2. A prayer and praise service was conducted by Brother John M. Huey.

3. Letters were called for and presented from the churches, and the names of messengers enrolled as follows, viz.:

Avondale—Rev. R. M. Hunter, Rev. R. D. Faggard and Gilbert Carter.

Bellview—Jacob Kimbrel and J. W. Russell.

Bessemer—Rev. W. R. Ivey, Rev. L. P. Craig, H. P. Lipscomb and Orlandor Parsons.

Bethany—Not represented.

Birmingham, First—Dr. B. D. Gray, P. C. Ratliff, Rev. W. S. Brown and T. W. Gathright.

Birmingham, Southside—Dr. A. C. Davidson, Rev. J. R. Lloyd, Judge J. P. Styles, Smith Cullom, M. C. Reynolds, W. B. Foster and K. S. Wood.

Birmingham, Second—Rev. L. C. Kelley, G. B. Mitchell and A. N. Hawkins.

Birmingham, Third—Represented by letter.

Blossburg—Not represented.

Brookside—Not represented.

Canaan—W. T. Crotwell, L. E. Cooley and G. W. Cooley.

Central—J. M. Pressley, J. G. Franklin and R. M. Inzer.

Compton Hill—T. D. Parsons, T. B. Furman and W. M. Grimsley.

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Coalburg—Rev. J. H. Pool.

Dolomite—Victor Vines, S. G. Roberson, E. A. Harrison, A. J. Payne.

Elyton—Rev. George T. Lee and Rev. J. F. Parker.

Green Springs—Not represented.

Hebron—Robert F. Attaway.

Irondale—Represented by letter.

Johns—Not represented.

Mary Lee—Not represented.

McElwain—Rev. W. Y. Browning, William Byers and T. M. Grayham.

Mount Olive—Rev. W. T. Churchwell, E. S. Newman and W. B. Goodwin.

New Bethel—Rev. L. H. Shuttlesworth, Rev. G. B. Powell, Rev. J. A. Owens, J. C. Carlisle and W. I. Creel.

Newcastle—Jerry Fountain and Bennie Harrison.

New Prospect—Rev. M. M. Wood, W. L. C. Vann, John McClinton and C. C. Vann.

Oak Grove—A. C. McCombs, T. E. Stubbs, C. S. Stubbs and J. A. McCombs.

Pine Grove—Rev. B. M. Waldrop, Owen Franklin and James Richie.

Pleasant Ridge—H. N. Huey, J. J. Walker and C. O. Livengood.

Pratt City—Pat Felton, Jr., J. E. Wood, W. S. Eubank and L. A. Wakefield.

Rocky Ridge—W. M. Minyard and G. W. Roper.

Ruhama (East Lake)—President F. M. Roof, W. A. Williams, Dr. C. C. Jones, Rev. J. M. Huey, Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Prof. R. J. Waldrop, H. R. Dill, Dr. W. A. Hobson and T. V. B. Moor.

Salem—J. G. Rogers, J. H. Hagood and Matthew Hughes.

Shades Valley—Hamp Parsons, J. T. Watkins and J. W. Perry.

Springdale—Rev. M. T. Branham, G. W. Hicks and W. H. Carlisle.

Springville, Rev. P. S. Montgomery, H. J. Inzer, J. B. Herring, S. V. Garner, Levi McBreyer and Prof. W. C. Griggs.

Trussville—M. K. Vann, R. H. Hendon, D. N. Talley and D. B. Sams.

Union—Charley Wood, W. A. Dumam and W. D. L. Bain.

Warrior—Rev. J. G. Lowrey, T. C. Bibb, E. C. Jolly and David Shultz.

Williamsburg—Not represented.

Woodlawn—Rev. W. M. Blackwelder, J. B. Gibson, J. B. Helm, E. J. Wood, Prof. J. M. Dewberry. Rev. W. L. Jones, J. W. Hood and Rev. J. S. Wood.

Wylam—Rev. W. B. Earnest, P. D. Hale and Porter Timmons.

4. The Moderator announced the election of officers in order. On motion of Brother R. M. Hunter, the rules were suspended and Brother R. J. Waldrop was re-elected Moderator; M. M. Wood, Clerk and Treasurer; Brother Joe Hood, Assistant Clerk, and S. P. Fowlkes, Corresponding Secretary.

5. An opportunity was given, and the following churches applied for membership in the body, viz: Hopewell, from the Mineral Springs Association; Rehoba, Sulphur Springs, and Oxmoor, newly constituted. On motion, the applications were referred to a committee composed of Brethren W. R. Ivey, W. Y. Browning and H. R. Dill. (See item 35 for report.)

6. On invitation, correspondents and representatives reported as follows, viz:

State Board of Missions—Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary.

State Board of Ministerial Education—Dr. W. A. Hobson, President.

Ministerial Institute Board—Rev. J. G. Lowrey.

Howard College—F. M. Roof, President.

St. Clair County Association—Brother M. H. Smith.

Warrior Association—Rev. W. J. Lee.

Orphan's Home—Rev. J. W. Stewart, Superintendent.

Alabama Baptist—Dr. W. A. Hobson.

7. Correspondence was returned as follows, viz : On motion, any member of this board, in attendance on the session of any sister association, is hereby authorized to represent us in said association.

8. The Moderator announced the following special committees, viz :

On Finance—E. J. Wood, H. N. Huey and W. B. Foster.

On Nominations—W. M. Blackwelder, P. C. Ratliff and W. A. Hobson.

On Digest of Church Letters—J. G. Lowrey, R. H. Hendon and W. S. Eubank.

9. On motion of Brother B. D. Gray, the report of the Executive Committee was called for and read by the chairman, Brother J. B. Gibson, as follows, viz :

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee beg to report :

That on December 10, 1898, Brother W. S. Brown, of Florence, Ala., was elected Superintendent of Missions for this Association for an indefinite time, on a salary of $800.00 per annum.

It was understood and agreed that he should be under the auspices of the State Board of Missions in co-operation with your Executive Committee, and that he should report regularly to both the progress of the mission work in the Association, and all moneys received by him on the field or from church treasurers, or from the treasurer of the Association, as provided for at your last session.

Salary due him for 7 months, February 1, to August 31, at $66.66	$ 466 66
Less amount paid to date, September 15, 1899	242 77
Balance due	$ 223 89

There are valid subscriptions due and unpaid sufficient to cover this deficit, and from assurances received, it is believed that they will be paid before October 1.

His report is as follows:

Received for State Missions as follows:

Pratt City Church	$ 31 02
Woodlawn Church	60 00
Ruhama Church	65 34
Canaan Church	4 02
Union Church	1 00

Compton Hill Church	3 08
Avondale Church	11 38
Bessemer Church	25 00
Central Church	1 83
Warrior Church	5 00
Salem Church	8 35
Second Baptist Church	6 25
Third Baptist Church	4 00
Pleasant Ridge Church	4 02
Dolomite Church	10 03
Birmingham Baptist Association, by M. M. Wood, Treasurer	10 40
	$250 72

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By bill printing paid Leslie Bros.	$ 3.75	
By railroad fare to appointments	2.30	
By postage, $1.40. Revenue stamp for deed, 50c	1.90	$ 7 95
Balance applied on salary		242 77
Received and spent in Avondale Mission		$ 12 18
Received and spent in Ensley Mission		30 50
Have on hand, Avondale Mission, one Tent, worth	$10 00	
And one Organ, received from S. S., First Baptist Church	10.00	$ 20 00
Have on hand, Ensley Mission, 38 Chairs, $19.50, 50 Song Books, $5.00	24.00	
One Organ, from Pastor's Helpers Society, First Baptist Church	40.00	$ 64 00

Number of miles traveled, about	4,300
Sermons delivered	113
Addresses made	32
Churches constituted	1
Missions organized	6
Number of persons baptized	4
Baptized by others in connection with my labors	35
Received by letter and otherwise	90
Restored	1
Sunday Schools organized	3
Sunday Schools addressed	8
Prayer Meetings organized	2
Prayer Meetings held	16
Regular Preaching Stations without churches	2

Number of visits to stations	55
Number of Churches visited	28
Number of visits made	2,700
Collected for Church Extension Society	$ 39.67
Secured deed to one lot, 100x150 feet, from Ensl y Land Co., for Church building, value	1,000.00

The rapid material progress of Jefferson County is developing many new centers of population. The old moral and spiritual regime is neither adequate to the demands of the present nor commensurate with prospects of the future. There must be a "strengthening of the stakes and a lengthening of the cords." There is not in the State, or in the South, a field at once so rich, so full of promise, and in such need of attention.

The State Mission Board is willing to continue the work as begun in this County, provided our contribution to State Missions is sufficient to defray the expense incurred in the work. To pay the salary of the Superintendent, and provide transportation for ministerial students and ministers, not regularly employed, to and from the places to which they may be sent, if we utilize all our resources, will require about $1,000.00. The amount paid by this Association for State Missions for the last eight years, has not averaged $600.00 per annum. It is, therefore, earnestly urged that your State Mission contributions during the next year be increased, and that the apportionment made for that purpose, if possible, be worked up to the other mission funds.

*The list of apportionment is herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Gibson, *Chairman.*

The report was spoken to by Brother Gibson, and was laid on the table until the final report is made. (See item 34.)

10. The hour for preaching the Introductory Sermon arrived, and the sermon was preached by Brother R. M. Hunter, according to appointment. Text, Rom. 1 : 16.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., a prayer and praise service was conducted by Brother J. C. Gilmer.

11. The Association was called to order promptly at 2:15 o'clock by the Moderator.

12. The report of the Committee on Young People's Work was called for, and it was read by Dr. C. C. Jones, Chairman, as follows:

*The list of apportionment may be found on page 34.

Report on Young People's Work.

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on Young People's Work beg leave to submit the following report:

During the past year only one Union has been organized in our Association, that has been reported to this committee.

The Unions in this Association are in a fair condition. Some report increased membership, increased enthusiasm and increased spirituality. The pastors are becoming more interested in this practical work, and recognize the young people as an important factor in church work. We believe that our young people who are interested in the Union are becoming not only better informed, but more useful as members of the church.

Our State Convention, held at Woodlawn on July 27-28, was the best in the history of the organization. The addresses were of a high order. Dr. E. E. Chivers, our National Secretary, was with us, and made two fine addresses. More good, practical work was done by this convention than was ever done before. Among other things, the following plan of work was adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the State be divided into twelve districts.

2. Each of these districts shall be in charge of a District Secretary, who shall be elected by the Convention.

3. Each of the Associations in these districts shall be in charge of an Associational Secretary.

4. The Associational Secretaries in each district, together with the District Secretary, shall compose the District Executive Committee.

5. The District Secretaries shall be ex-officio members of the State Executive Committee.

Duties of District Secretaries.

1. To represent the State work at all Associational meetings.

2. To see that each Association is effectively organized.

3. To secure all data required by blanks, which will be furnished by the State Secretary, and to see that they, being properly filled out, are returned to the State Secretary before the Convention.

4. To endeavor to secure the introduction of the Christian Culture Courses into the Associations of the district.

5. To secure appropriations for State work.

6. To attend the meetings of the State Board, his expenses being met by the district over which he is Secretary.

7. To arrange for an annual district convention.

That funds be raised by requesting each Union to forward to the District Secretary ten cents for each member of the Union, three-fifths of same to be kept by the District Secretary, and two-fifths forwarded to the State Secretary.

That the fiscal and statistical year of this Union shall begin on July 1st of each year, and shall end on June 30th following.

This is a practical plan, and we hope that the Unions of our Association will co-operate in this work. We desire that every church in our Association shall be the home of a live, active Union. Those who desire to know of the work, and wish to organize a society, may write to the State Secretary, G. Herbert, East Lake, who will cheerfully assist them in any way possible.

C. C. Jones,
G. Herbert,
B. McGowan,
Committee.

The report was discussed by Brethren C. C. Jones, W. M. Blackwelder, B. D. Gray and Gilbert Carter, and adopted.

13. The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions, and Religious Literature and Education were called for and submitted as follows, viz.:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., September 12, 1899.

The position of the State Board of Missions and the duties devolving upon it were so ably set forth at the last meeting of the Association, that I do not think it necessary to refer to them again.

The work of the State Board has been very much demoralized this year, owing to the fact that it was without a Secretary some time, but I am glad to say this difficulty has been overcome by securing the services of a Secretary, in the person of Rev. W. B. Crumpton, whose success in everything he has ever undertaken is so remarkable that the Baptists of the State can rest assured that this department of the work will in the future have that careful attention which its interests demand.

We learn from the proceedings of the State Convention that there was a decrease in the cash contributions for the year 1898 of $561.48, but the increased contributions of merchandise made the total receipts for the year $74.43 more than for the previous year. This shows increased earnestness on the part of our good women, but a lack of zeal on the part of the men, and it is earnestly desired that the pastors give this matter their immediate attention with a view to bringing the brethren to a realization of their sense of duty on this line.

WOMEN'S WORK.

I would feel that I had not done my duty in making this report were I to fail to make mention of the good work that is being done by the Baptist women of the State for the cause of missions. The increase in this department is something to be proud of, and I submit some figures to show what the women of Alabama are doing in this direction.

During the year which closed the last of May, 1898, they contributed to all the Boards cash and merchandise to the amount of $3,790.90, and to the State Board for the Convention year of 1898, $1,050.81. This kind of work speaks for itself, and pastor and layman alike cannot give it too much encouragement.

I have been unable to secure a complete report of work done by the Board for the past year, but submit below all the information I was able to get:

Number of men employed	13
Miles traveled	7,571
Addresses delivered	76
Persons baptized	14
Ladies' Missionary Societies organized	4
Prayer Meetings held	73
Visits made	1,509
Moneys collected for all missions	$5,864.07
Days of service	798
Sermons delivered	462
Churches constructed	2
Sunday Schools organized	5
Number of churches visited	128

Of the amount collected for missions, $2,850.00 was for State, $1,152.99 for Home, and $1,861.08 for Foreign Missions. In addition to the above amount, there was collected for Baptist debt, $2,103.20; for ministerial education, $172.48; for Orphanage, $48.62, and for Greensboro fund, $643.01.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. GATHRIGHT, *Chairman.*

HOME MISSIONS.

Never in the history of our Home Board has it felt the sacredness of the trust committed to it more than during the last year. Great possibilities are before us; and with the opportunities, weighty responsibilities crowd and press us. Feeling these responsibilities, the Board has arisen in its might, and by faithful effort has increased the work in many fields, and allowed a decrease in none. The Board is supporting 653 missionaries, who constituted 194 churches, organized 512 Sunday schools with 4,768 teachers and pupils; built 92, and improved 252 houses of worship, at a cost of $71,027.00; added 12,983 members to the 2,580 churches and stations. They held 12,720 prayer meetings, made 108,336 religious visits, delivered 64,718 sermons and addresses, distributed 17,104 bibles and testaments, and 1,260,572 pages of tracts.

The number of Missionaries employed this year was 652 against 467 last year. Baptisms this year, 6,552 against 4,739 last year. Total additions to churches this year 12,983, against 9,509 last year. Sunday schools organized this year 512, with 14,768 teachers and pupils, against 297, with 7,710 teachers and pupils last year. The Board raised and expended on the field this year $65,818.81, against $54,251.04 last year. There have been collected and expended on building houses of worship on the field this year, $50,050.33, against $56,385.46 last year, making a total of money raised on the field of $115,869.04, against $110,636.50 last year, an increase of $5,232.64. Cash received from States $61,794.58, against $54,050.41 last year, an increase in the States of $7,744.17.

The contributions of the Woman's Missionary Union have been greater than any previous year.

Work among the negroes has been done on the co-operative plan in the following states, viz: Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia.

Our work has taken on new life in Cuba, Rev. A. J. Diaz and Rev. J. V. Cova, with many faithful helpers, are greatly encouraged in their work.

The Board has realized more than ever the importance of the work among the mountaineers, and the results of its work among them have been very encouraging.

The Board has received great help in its work on the frontier from our noble women, in the way of boxes of clothing, etc., sent.

We are greatly encouraged from the advancement made all along the line, but we are called upon to raise our contributions for all missionary purposes 25 per cent. during this conventional year. Shall we do it? Let us ask this question on our knees: Shall we do it? And as the Spirit calls to us to "go forward," let us arise and fully consecrate our lives, talents, purses and all to God, and we will go beyond the 25 per cent. line.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. Ivey,
Chairman.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

More and more are we beginning to realize that the Lord Jehovah meant just what He said, "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

This has been an eventful year and greater responsibilities than ever before devolve upon Baptists. There are two reasons why we should take fresh courage:

1st. We have the pure Word, which is the only power unto the saving of souls.

2d. God has honored us in that He has blessed and prospered the work hitherto committed to our hands, and in that He has extended our territory until the entire world lies out before us as one vast white field.

Missionaries, 90; native assistants, 150; churches, 125; out stations, 160; membership, 6,125; baptisms, 950; day schools, 55; scholars, 1,275; Sunday school scholars, 2,895. Receipts for Foreign Board, $109,267.43; contributions from native churches, $7,110.20.

Thus the work continues to grow apace, and may our prayers and labors be to the end that it shall grow until all the kingdoms of earth shall be subdued by the Kidgdom of our Lord, and heavenly knowledge shall cover the earth as the waters do the trackless expanse of the mighty deep.

G. T. Lee,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE AND EDUCATION.

The subject assigned your committee is one of such vast importance as to make it impossible to present anything like a satisfactory treatment of it in a brief report. We shall not hope to do more, therefore, than make a few general observations and submit such facts as would be of practical value to this Association. As christians and as Baptists we may congratulate ourselves upon what has already been attained in the field of religious literature and education. The past is glorious, the present auspicious, the future hopeful. Religious thought has made no small contribution to the world's literature. The sowing and reaping of the Church of Christ has not been in vain in this respect. Christian institutions of learning, religious newspapers, periodicals and books, are multiplying in the South, and filling it with the knowledge of God. The world's first literature was religious, and the best productions still come to us through religious channels. God wrote his law upon the table of stone, and taught Moses the art of recording and preserving his thoughts. In the olden time men wrote as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, leaving their inspired thoughts, feelings and revelations recorded in the impregnable rock of Scripture. The history and teachings of Christ and his Apostles are ours today, because they were written as well as spoken. The whole field of literature has been enriched by the Bible and the men of genius, learning and piety who have believed in its integrity and sought its inspiration. Take from the world's libraries all that religious learning and genius have placed upon their shelves, and its literature would be poor indeed. We live in an age when no one need be ignorant for lack of books, nor wicked for lack of good books. The influence one's reading has upon his life is marked and lasting. As sure as food determines fiber, reading forms character. A striking instance of this is seen in the familiar story of a series of conversions, which began with Richard Baxter, who was led to the Savior through the reading of a good book put into his hands by his father. In addition to all other good this converted son accomplished in his life, he wrote a little book entitled, "Call to the Unconverted," and this Philip Doddridge read and was convicted of sin and converted. Then Doddridge wrote "The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul," and this was the means of awakening William Wilberforce to a sense of his sin and need of a savior. Then Wilberforce wrote the "Practical View of Christianity," and that was made effectual to Leigh Richmond's conversion, and Leigh Richmond wrote the "Dairyman's Daughter," one of the most blessed little books ever written, more than five million copies having been printed, and in a hundred different languages.

Denominational Education.

Denominational, or christian education, is essential to the perpetuity of religious thought and literature, and the maintenance of christian instruction. The necessity of such education is also seen when we consider that

such is the genius of State schools that they are debarred from giving that moral and religious training which the young so much need in the transition period when habits and character are forming. In this critical and receptive period, it is no less than a crime to place our children in surroundings unfavorable to religious impressions. It is not enough to say the atmosphere of a school is not positively bad, it should be positively good. Our two colleges, the Howard at East Lake and the Judson at Marion, are well equipped for the education of our sons and daughters, having able faculties of cultured and christian teachers. Your committee would urge that Baptist parents duly consider the merits of these historic institutions before placing their children elsewhere.

Ministerial Education.

The necessity for an educated ministry is apparent to every thoughtful mind. For the most part, the denominational college is the place where the young minister receives his education. Last session there were twenty-one ministerial students in Howard College. Of these fifteen boarded in college and six outside the college; seven paid their own board, while eight paid a part of their board; ten had regular preaching stations, and five preached occasionally; three were in the Senior class, five in the Junior, seven in the Sophomore, and six in the Freshman. These young men were exemplary in their conduct and studious in their habits.

Last session there were twelve of our young ministers from Alabama in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky. Your committee cannot recommend the Seminary too highly to young men who are preparing to preach the gospel. It is sincerely hoped that every young minister who graduates from the Howard may also take a course at the Seminary. There are those of our brethren who may not be able to take both a college and a seminary course, who would find the Pastors' Course at the Seminary of good help to them.

The Religious Paper.

The Alabama Baptist, edited by Major John G. Harris, and published in Montgomery, Alabama, is the only organ of the Baptists of Alabama, and it should have the hearty support of every Baptist in the State. The paper has recently been much improved in form. Pastors and churches should take interest in the circulation of the Alabama Baptist.

The Sunday School Board.

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is located at Nashville, Tenn, with Dr. J. M. Frost as Secretary. All Sunday schools needing literature should order from Dr. Frost.

The Foreign Mission Journal, edited by Dr. R. J. Willingham, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., is an exceedingly valuable journal in giving data concerning the Foreign Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The "Home Field," a journal setting forth facts concerning the work of our Home Mission Board, may be had by addressing Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Hobson,
Chairman.

14. The hour for adjournment having arrived, the Association adjourned until 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

FIRST DAY—Evening Session.

15. After a prayer and praise service conducted by Brother J. S. Wood, the Association was called to order at 7:30 o'clock P. M., and the consideration of the reports read at the afternoon session was declared in order.

The reports were discussed by Brethren W. A. Hobson, W. S. Brown, R. M. Hunter, W. Y. Browning, J. G. Lowrey, F. M. Roof and G. T. Lee.

16. Pending the discussion, the Association adjourned to 9:15 o'clock, A. M., Friday.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

After prayer and praise service, led by L. C. Kelley, the Association was called to order at 9:15 o'clock by the Moderator.

17. The discussion of the reports on Missions and Religious Literature and Education was resumed, and addresses made by Brethren J. H. Pool, C. A. Lock and W. S. Brown, Superintendent of Missions.

18. Pending the discussion, it was moved and carried that the business of the Association be completed by the close of the session to-day.

19. The Committee on Nominations was also instructed to fill any vacancies that may occur in the appointments for Sunday.

20. The discussion of the reports was resumed and the report on Religious Literature and Education was spoken to by W. A. Hobson.

21. The hour for preaching the missionary sermon

having arrived, Brother B. D. Gray, the appointee, moved that the regular order be suspended, and that Brother J. G. Lowrey be invited to address the Association in the interest of the Ministerial Institute Board, and that the balance of the morning session be given to Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary of the State Board of Missions. This motion was carried, and the Association was addressed by Brother Lowrey, at the close of which Brother Gray moved that the Executive Committee be instructed to apportion $300 to the churches, to be equally divided between the Institute Board and the Orphans' Home, and that the committee be instructed to see that the amount is collected by the time of the meeting of the State Convention in November. The motion was carried.

The Association was next addressed by Brother Crumpton, at the close of which a collection was taken for State Missions amounting to $25.35. The reports were then adopted.

22. The Moderator then called for the report on Digest of Church Letters. On motion, it was made the special order for 2:15 o'clock, P. M.

23. Adjourned to meet at 2:15 o'clock, P. M.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

After the prayer and praise service, conducted by Rev. R. M. Hunter, the Association was called to order at 2:15 o'clock, P. M., by the Moderator.

24. The report on Digest of Letters was called for, and on motion the reading was dispensed with.

25. On motion of Dr. B. D. Gray, Brother J. H. Pool was received as a messenger from Coalburg without a letter.

26. The report on Sunday Schools was called for and read by Brother T. V. B. Moor, Chairman, as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Thirty-seven years ago, just here on this consecrated mound, one member of your committee first enjoyed the distinguished privilege of sitting as a delegate in this Association. Then our venerable and sainted brother, A. J.

Waldrop, presided with a dignity and tact rarely found in men of his day. Then the business was conducted much as it is in these later years. Reports were read and discussed, appeals were made, prayers were offered, and at stated times the regular public worship was observed.

But there was one feature in that meeting that produced quite a contrast with existing facts. There was one report that contained language that if read in this presence, and were true, would startle us. At this, or at a subsequent meeting, the report on Sunday Schools disclosed the astounding fact that "Not one Church says anything at all about Sunday Schools." But, thanks to the God of all Grace, there dwelt in the minds and hearts of many pious men and women in many of the churches a burning desire that schools for the study of God's Word should be established and maintained in every church and community where practicable. And this desire continued to increase in fervor and holy zeal until now we see a great and glorious improvement.

By reference to the reports that have come up from the churches, we find that the enrollment during the year has been 3,204, and that the amount of real, genuine Christian influence that has gone out from this great work is incalculable—for which, our hearts should go up in devout thankfulness to the "Giver of every good and perfect gift." And the history of this Association is but a repetition, to a greater or lesser degree, of the history of every Association in the State.

What are some of the influences that have, under the blessings of our Gracious Heavenly Father, contributed to these results? Among them is, perhaps first, the fire kindled by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of godly men and women. The power of the press has been perceptibly felt all over the land. Publication societies that have sent out broadcast consecrated Christian literature, thoroughly Baptistic. Teachers' meetings, Sunday School associations, conventions, societies and meetings of various kinds—all having for their prime object the promotion of the study and advancement in the teaching of the Bible.

Your committee believes firmly in sound Baptist Sunday Schools, rooted and grounded in the faith of a New Testament Gospel with all its sacred ordinances.

The first regular session of the Southern Baptist Convention at Richmond, Va., in 1846, considered the advisability of creating boards for Bible distribution and publication work. At every succeeding session action has been taken towards more completely establishing and more aggressively prosecuting this work. In the heart of this Association, while the Southern Baptist Convention was in session in Birmingham in May, 1891, the Sunday School Board was established and sent forth to aid in carrying out the great commission, "Go ye into all the world," etc., much like the Israelites were sent out by the Egyptians to make brick. But since that time, not only have all expenses been promptly met by this board, and the work greatly enlarged, but fifty to sixty thousand dollars have been turned into our denominational

life, an admirable house in which to conduct the business has been purchased, equipped and paid for at an outlay of nearly eleven thousand dollars, and a reserve fund has been started, which is steadily growing. For Baptists there is to be in the future one great center from which shall go out, through all the years to come, educational and missionary light and power among all its mighty hosts. That center will be the Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, 167 North Cherry street, Nashville, Tenn.

Another valuable and important adjunct towards carrying out the great commission is the International Sunday School work, which began by the promptings of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of consecrated, earnest Christian workers, who felt the need of system in the promotion of the Master's work, and who at first formed themselves into community or beat associations for the purpose (in part) of interesting every man, woman and child and gathering them into Sunday Schools, or at least interesting them in some way in the study of the Bible.

The County Sunday School Convention is composed of all ministers and Sunday School superintendents of all evangelical denominations, ex-officio members, and of delegates elected by the Sunday Schools. This Convention discusses plans, methods, duties, obligations, etc.

The State Association consists of ministers and Sunday School superintendents as above and delegates sent from County Conventions.

National and Provincial Conventions are derived similarly from State Associations, and from these are derived the great International World's Sunday School Convention, which meets every three years. Every six years this convention appoints that great and grand committee that meets once or twice each year, and as a result of their faithful, prayerful, earnest, gratuitous labors, we have the International Sunday School Lessons. This committee was first appointed in 1872, and consists of fifteen wise, godly men, three of whom are among the wisest and most godly men in our Baptist ranks. Dr. John A. Broadus had been a prominent member of the committee for a number of years at the time of his death. Dr. John R. Sampey succeeded him, and is Chairman of the Old Testament Committee.

Retrospecting the history of the Sunday School movement and its wonderful growth during the past three or four decades, what may we not hope for in the future? Brothers and sisters, "Let us put on the whole armor of God."

T. V. B. Moor,
R. H. Hendon,
B. Waller,
Committee

The report was discussed by Brethren T. V. B. Moor, R. H. Hendon and M. K. Vann, and adopted.

27. The report on Denominational Institutions was called for and read by Prof. F. M. Roof, Chairman, as follows:

OUR DENOMINATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Your committee appointed to report on Denominational Institutions, would beg to submit the following:

Howard College.

In the property of Howard College, the Baptist denomination of Alabama own about 100 acres of valuable land, becoming more valuable every day because of its proximity to the rapidly growing city of Birmingham; also about $75,000.00 worth of improvements Every Baptist in the State is a stockholder in this property, and is a committee of one to solicit patronage for the institution.

Since progress is or should be the watchword of every educational institution, no surprise will be excited when it is said that the last session of the Howard was a marked improvement over the preceding year. First, the revised curriculum is a great improvement over the old, in its adjustibility to the needs of the students; then, too, the new members of the faculty had become better acquainted with the collegiate conditions and requirements. The spirit of the student body was excellent in its morality and in its loyalty to the institution.

Now that all outstanding debts of the college have been paid, it is confidently expected that the attendance for next session will be largely in excess of last year's record. In anticipation of this the dormitories have been repaired during the present vacation; and, through the efforts of the lady friends of the college, the dining hall has been frescoed and refurnished. The boarding department will be presided over for the coming year by a competent and accomplished matron, Mrs. Helen Stone, of Birmingham.

Just here, I feel that a word is due my colaborers, the professors. They have been untiring in their efforts and unstinted in their sacrifices for the Howard. Their time and thoughts are all given to her. During the past summer two of them took special courses in the University of Chicago, while the others worked for the college at home.

On behalf of the faculty I want to thank our brethren of this Association, and of Alabama at large, for their loyal assistance given our institution in her hour of direst need, and to ask them for their influence, patronage and prayers in the future.

Judson Institute.

The Judson's record for the past year is the brightest page in her history, notwithstanding her long career of usefulness. There were practically as many matriculates last session as could be accomodated; the spirit of the student body was excellent, and the instruction by the faculty of the highest order.

During 1898–9, the art rooms were equipped with the latest improvements, the reading room supplied with modern literature, a gymnasium and bowling alley fitted up, and the chapel furnished with opera chairs. The faculty has been strengthened for the coming year by the addition of new

members, and by several of the old members taking special courses in their respective lines, in order to fit themselves for still better work in the future.

The outlook for the session of 1899–1900 is all that could be desired. Baptist parents can do no better part by their daughters than to send them to the Judson, where they will receive that refinement of culture and strength of character so necessary to true christian womanhood.

For particulars, correspond with President R. G. Patrick, Marion, Ala.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., enrolled during the past year 262 students. This matriculation represented 32 States and countries, and 96 colleges. Proceeding downward from the highest number furnished by States and colleges, Alabama stands ninth among the states, while Howard stands sixth in the list of colleges.

The Seminary is doing a great work for tne Baptist denomination, as well as for the general cause of christianity. Its graduates are scattered over the nations and its influence is bearing fruit in all lands.

The recent election of Dr. E. Y. Mullins to the Presidency has re-established harmony in the denomination, and the Seminary now enters on a broader field of usefulness than ever before, better advertised and better known, because of the late unpleasantness, deplorable as that unpleasantness was while it existed. May the blessings of God attend it. and the loyalty of the brethren support it.

The Baptist Orphanage.

The Baptist Orphanage, established at Evergreen in 1893, has received and cared for about 120 helpless children to date. It has 60 at present. Rev. John W. Stewart, the Financial Secretary, is the right man in the right place. Through his wise management the institution has come into the possession of comfortable buildings and a well stocked farm. Here the little inmates are cared for, educated, mentally and morally, and at the same time taught to work.

The Baptists of Alabama have no institution more worthy of their love and care than the Orphans' Home.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. Roof,
Chairmau.

The report was discussed by Brothers B. D. Gray, W. B. Crumpton, and J. W. Stewart, Superintendent of the Orphans' Home, at the close of which a collection was taken for the Orphans' Home, amounting to $27.67, and the report was adopted.

The report of the Treasurer was then called for and read by M. M. Wood, Treasurer, as follows:

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

To cash for Minutes	$ 72 16	
" " " State Missions	111 24	
" " " Home Missions	61 37	
" " " Foreign Missions	67 20	
" " " Ministerial education	60 06	
" " " Orphans' Home	50 91	
Total	$422 94	$422 94

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" " " State Missions	111 24	
" " " Home Missions	61 37	
" " " Foreign Missions	67 20	
" " " Ministerial Education	59 09	
" " on hand for Ministerial Education	97	
" " to Orphans' Home	50 91	
Total	$422 94	$422 94

To Birmingham Baptist Association:

Respectfully submitted.

M. M. WOOD, *Treasurer.*

Huffman, Ala., September 12, 1899.

The report was received and ordered printed.

29. The report of the Auditor was then read by Rev. M. M. Wood, and is as follows:

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., September 14, 1899.

I have examined the books of the Treasurer, and the report of his receipts and disbursements, and find the same to be correct and sustained by proper vouchers with the following exceptions: There is a difference in the report and book of two cents in the Educational Fund account, caused by a failure to take credit on report for two cents internal revenue paid on check of $4.35 to C. C. Jones. I fail to find receipts for the following amounts that have been taken credit for:

Minute account (drayage)	$ 50	
Postage	1 57	$ 2 07
State Mission account, W. S. Brown		10 40
Home Mission account		16 84

I also find a voucher for 25 cents express charges paid on package to Rev. J. G. Lowry, Warrior, for which no credit has been taken.

The balance remaining on hand as stated by him (Ministerial Education), 97 cents.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. GATHRIGHT.

30. The report on Moral and Spiritual Conditions was called for and read by Brother R. M. Hunter as follows, viz.:

REPORT ON MORAL AND SPIRITUAL CONDITIONS.

In some respects the moral and spiritual condition of our country are better, in others they are worse. As to the agricultural parts, there is a marked improvement. Schools, churches and Sunday schools, also young people's societies, are multiplying. Wholesome instruction is being given and profitably received. While excessive wealth tends to demoralize—for thereby is idleness increased—material prosperity is indispensable to the elevation and happiness of our race. At this time our country seems to be blessed with not an abnormal but natural material growth. The people are encouraged, and in gratitude to God, the bountiful source of all our blessings, they are rendering to Him thanks and service.

In the city and its suburbs the moral and spiritual status has changed but little, and yet there are sections whose improvement is very noticeable. The Avondale Cotton Factory has improved wonderfully, but this is due. mainly to change to a better class of laborers. It is true our Missionary Brown has been very helpful in his work at that place. But speaking in general, as to the desecration of the Lord's Day, there seems to be no decrease. Places of amusement and means of reaching them are multiplying. Places designed for rest and refreshment—parks, springs and gardens—are being prostituted to most debasing purposes. The "sacred concert," so-called, is an evil not to be tolerated, and yet it is patronized and encouraged by some so-called professors of religion. At these parks entertainments are given by the electric railways especially to encourage Sunday travel. Thus these street cars are enriching themselves by encouraging the violation of the Sunday law; yea, they are the chief instigators of the crime. And what is being done to check this demoralizing traffic in human souls? Nothing! Your committee would recommend that all our pastors sometime during the year preach on the subject of Sunday desecration, and parks and lakes of evil resort.

R. M. HUNTER.

The report was discussed by Brethren W. A. Hobson and F. M. Roof, and after some slight changes, it was adopted.

31. The report of the Committee on Ways and Means was next called for, and not being present, the item was passed.

32. The report of the Committee on Church Extension was called for, and not being present, was passed. [The report was handed to the clerk after adjournment, and is as follows]:

REPORT FOR CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

Cash in bank	$88 79	
Cash with W. S. Brown, not yet delivered to Treasurer	39 67	$ 128 46
One lot, 100x150 in good location at Ensley City, valued at		1,000 00
One lot purchased at Avondale for Church at Cotton Factory, paid on same		50 00
Subscriptions to stock of Church Extension Society, valid and unpaid		125 00
		$1,303 46

It is hoped that within the next twelve months houses of worship will be erected on the lots at Avondale and Ensley, above mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. JOHNSTON, *Chairman.*

33. The report on Nominations was called for and read by W. M. Blackwelder, as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee report as follows:

1. Next meeting of the Association to be held with the Shades Valley Church, beginning Thursday before third Sunday in September.

2. To preach the Introductory Sermon, Dr. A. C. Davidson; Alternate, Rev. M. M. Wood.

3. To preach the Missionary Sermon, Dr. B. D. Gray; Alternate, Rev. W. S. Brown.

4. Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. W. B. Crumpton, Prof. F. M. Roof.

5. Delegates to State Convention, Rev. A. A. Hutto, Rev. P. S. Montgomery, Rev. R. M. Hunter, Rev. J. V. Dickinson, Brothers Joe Hood, Smith Cullum, P. C. Ratliff, Rev. W. Y. Browning.

6. Executive Committee, J. B. Gibson, J. V. Dickinson, J. W. Minor, W. A. Hobson, R. J. Waldrop, W. R. Ivey, R. M. Hunter, B. D. Gray, A. C. Davidson, J. G. Lowrey, T. W. Gathright, J. B. Helm.

W. M. BLACKWELDER, *Chairman.*
W. A. HOBSON,
P. C. RATLIFF.
Committee.

APPOINTMENTS FOR TOMORROW.

At 10 o'clock, Rev. J. W. Stewart to address Sunday School. At 11 o'clock, sermon by Rev. W. B. Crumpton. 7:30 o'clock, sermon by Rev. G. T. Lee.

The report was adopted.

34. The final report of the Executive Committee was called for, and there being nothing further to report, the first report (see item 9) was taken from the table and adopted.

35. The Committee on New Churches made its report as follows:

REPORT OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

There has been placed in our hands the applications of the following Churches for membership:

REHOBA—Organized August 13, 1898, by Rev. P. S. Montgomery, and Rev. E. P. Reed. Sent as delegates, Brothers Moses Pierce, C. W. Burroughs and C. J. Sharbet. Sent for Minutes, 75 cents; for Missions, $1.00.

P. S. MONTGOMERY, Moderator.
C. J. SHARBET, C. C.

OXMOOR—Organized by Brothers J. G. Lowrey and James Hogan, October 4th, 1898. Sent for Minutes, $1.00; for Missions, $6.00. Delegates, Brothers W. J. Williams and Wm. Hall.

F. H. WATKINS, Moderator.
W. J. WILLIAMS, C. C.

SULPHUR SPRINGS—Organized June 10, 1899, by Rev. W. S. Brown, W. C. McLaughlin, F. F. Green, Thos. Harris and C. A. Locke. Delegates, Brothers C. L. Vaughn and Haggard Venable. Sent for Missions, $1.30; Orphans' Home, $1.30; Minutes, 60 cents.

C. A. LOCKE, Moderator.
T. J. BRADFORD, C. C.

We, your committee recommend, after investigation, that all of these churches be admitted to membership into this body.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. IVEY,
W. Y. BROWNING.
Committee.

[NOTE.—The delegates from Hopewell Church failed to receive their letter of dismission from the Mineral Springs Association before adjournment, and their application for membership in this Association will stand until next year. —*Clerk.*]

The report was adopted.

36. The Moderator announced the Standing Committees as they appear on page 2.

37. The Committee on Finance made its report as follows, viz :

REPORT ON FINANCE.

PINSON, ALA., September 16, 1899.

Your Committee on Finance beg to report that we have received:

For Orphans' Home	$ 31 97
For State Missions	59 10
For Home Missions	19 22
For Foreign Missions	14 40
For Missions not designated	39 52
For Ministerial Education	5 50
For Minutes	58 40
Total	$228 11

We have hereto attached an itemized statement of the different amounts contributed by each church and for what purpose, which we make as an exhibit to this report. All of the above amounts have been turned over to the Treasurer, and his receipt attached as a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. J. WOOD,
Chairman.

Received of E. J. Wood, Chairman of the Finance Committee, the sum of $228.11, in full of all amounts received by him as such Chairman.

M. M. WOOD,
Treasurer.

38. The Moderator announced Miscellaneous Business in order.

(1.) Brother W. R. Ivey called for letters of dismission for Besssmer, Canaan, Pleasant Ridge, Union and Wylam churches, for the purpose of organizing a new Association. On motion the request was granted.

(2.) On motion of Brother G. T. Lee, a Committee on Temperance was added to the list of standing committees. (See page 2.)

(3.) On motion of Brother J. M. Huey, Article XI of the Constitution was amended by striking out the words "and these letters shall be placed in the hands of a committee," etc. (See item 13 in Minutes of 1898.)

[The effect of this amendment is that the Committee on Digest of Church Letters is discontinued, and the letters will be read as before the amendment of 1898.—*Clerk.*]

4. The following resolution, presented by Brother F. M. Roof, was unanimously adopted, viz :

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be extended to our brethren and friends of Pinson for the hospitality so bountifully extended to us while in their midst."

39. The business of the Association having been completed, Dr. A. C. Davidson moved that the Association adjourn to meet with Shades Valley Church, Thursday, before tne third Sunday in September, 1900. The motion was carried, and after general handshaking among the messengers, and prayer by Brother Davidson, the Moderator declared the body adjourned.

M. M. Wood,
Clerk.

NOTES BY THE CLERK.

1. I find it almost impossible to make an accurate Financial Exhibit from the letters.

2. For a detailed statement of what the various Women's and Children's Societies have contributed during the year, see report of the Women's meeting, page 29.

3. The Chairman of the Executive Committee, J. B. Gibson, desires me to call the attention of the pastors and churches to the special instruction given them in item 21 on page 17. It is urged that the matter be attended to at once.

4. Blank Associational Letters always on hand at actual cost.

MINUTES OF THE NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THE BIRMINGHAM ASSOCIATION.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Birmingham Association, was held in the Silver Lake Institute, at Pinson, Ala., September 15, 1899.

The morning session was opened at 10 o'clock, A. M., with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. L. F. Stratton. Prayer by Mrs. A. C. Davidson.

Mrs. Williamson Franklin, Vice President of the Northern Division of the Association, presided. Mrs. D. M. Malone acted as Secretary.

Reports from the churches were heard, and the names of delegates enrolled, as follows, viz :

CONTRIBUTIONS REPORTED.

AVONDALE—PASTOR'S AID.	
Howard College	$ 2 00
Pastorium	280 60
BESSEMER—LADIES' AID.	
Foreign Missions	25 00
Home Missions	61 33
Church Aid	12 00
Orphanage	5 00
Ministerial Education	5 00
BESSEMER—SUNBEAMS.	
Church Aid	10 20
Orphanage	10 00
BESSEMER—B. Y. P. U	38 00
BIRMINGHAM—FIRST CHURCH, WOMAN'S UNION.	
Foreign Missions	55 85
Home Missions	66 30
Y. M. C. A	22 00
Church Aid	262 00
Mercy Home	69 25
BIRMINGHAM—FIRST CHURCH, PASTOR'S HELPERS.	
Foreign Missions, (Christmas Offering)	25 00
Foreign Missions, Italy	5 00
Home Missions, (Self Denial)	10 00

State Missions, (Greensboro Church)	5 00
State Missions, (Montevallo Parsonage)	5 00
Church Aid	25 00
Orphanage	5 00
City Charity	35 00
Avondale Mission, (Organ)	35 00
BIRMINGHAM—FIRST CHURCH, SUNBEAMS.	
Foreign Missions	30 00
Home Missions	103 00
Church Aid	6 00
BIRMINGHAM, SOUTHSIDE—LADIES' AID.	
Foreign Missions	53 00
Home Missions	153 00
Colored Missions	9 00
Howard College	10 00
Cleveland Memorial Window	5 00
Church Aid	1,051 00
Y. M. C. A	42 00
Mercy Home	30 00
BIRMINGHAM, SOUTHSIDE—SUNBEAMS.	
Foreign Missions	10 00
Mercy Home	16 75
Church Aid	9 70
Mission Box	3 69
CENTRAL—LADIES' AID.	
Foreign Missions	5 00
State Missions	9 00
Church Aid	33 93
Benevolence	1 35
PRATT CITY—LADIES' SOCIETY.	
Foreign Missions	28 00
Home Missions	65 40
Building Fund	292 00
SALEM—LADIES' AID.	
Building Fund	45 00
SPRINGVILLE—LADIES' MISSIONARY AND AID SOCIETY.	
Foreign Missions	4 00
Church Aid	13 86
RUHAMA—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.	
Foreign Missions	30 85
Home Missions	99 03
Church Aid	294 12
Howard College	94 80
Vice President's Expense Fund	1 00

RUHAMA—SUNBEAMS.	
Orphanage	15 00
Howard College	8 00
American Baptist Publishing Society	2 00
TRUSSVILLE—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.	
Foreign Missions	16 50
Home Missions	70 98
Church Aid	8 55
Howard College	11 00
Orphanage	7 84
Cleveland Memorial Window	5 00
Benevolence	41 33
TRUSSVILLE—SUNBEAMS.	
Foreign Missions	4 00
Home Missions	42 52
Howard College	2 25
Orphanage	3 00
WOODLAWN.	
Foreign Missions	25 00
Home Missions	57 30
Church Aid	60 00
Orphanage	18 95
Total	$4,023 23

Two of these Societies were organized during the year, one at Springville on November 8th, and the other at Mt. Pinson, December 27, 1898.

DELEGATES ENROLLED.

AVONDALE.

Mrs. R. M. Hunter.

BESSEMER.

Mrs. W. R. Ivey, Miss Jimmie Cockrell

BIRMINGHAM, SOUTH SIDE.

Mrs. L. F. Stratton, Cen. Com. Mrs. A. C. Davidson,

Mrs. E. N. Cullom.

CENTRAL.

Mrs. Lou. Inzer, Mrs. Emma Pressley.

PRATT CITY.

Mrs. J. H. Eubank.

SALEM.

Mrs. S. S. Posey, Mrs. E. J. Baird.

SPRINGVILLE.

Mrs. J. J. Osbern, Miss Fannie Herring,
Mrs. G. F. Robinson.

RUHAMA.

Mrs. C. W. Ansley, Sunbeam Band. Mrs. D. M. Malone, Cen. Com.
Miss Kate Tarrant, Miss Emma Wood.

TRUSSVILLE.

Mrs. D. N. Talley, Mrs. S. R. McDanal, Mrs. R. H. Hendon.
Mrs. D. H. Vann,
Mrs. William Franklin, Asso. Vice President.

Mrs. W. R. Ivey gave an interesting and thorough exposition of the relation of the Woman's Missionary Union to the Boards.

Mrs. Stratton showed the new Mission Cards that the Central Committee will soon send out, and told of the Baby Bands for the little ones from one to five years old.

By invitation, Dr. C. C. Jones, physician of Howard College, came before the ladies in the interest of the Hospital Ward of the College, and made an earnest appeal for the sick boys. Pledges were made as follows:

East Lake	$ 10 00
Trussville	5 00
Southside	10 00
Pratt City	10 00
Bessemer B Y. P. U	2 50

Under the head of "Words from Workers," many short, interesting talks were made, and a collection amounting to $1.57 was taken and given to the Pinson Society.

Mrs. Stratton dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Afternoon Session.

Rev. W. S. Brown, Missionary of the Birmingham Association, addressed the Union, giving a full and exhaustive statement of the work he has undertaken, and impressed all with the wonderful amount of missionary work that should be done at once within the bounds of the Birmingham Association.

"Stand up, Stand up for Jesus," was sung.

In the absence of Mrs. Bussey, Mrs. Ivey presented Frontier Boxes.

Mrs. Stratton read a letter from the Oklahoma State Convention to the Woman's Missionary Union, expressive of deep thankfulness for boxes that had been received from Mission Societies.

Mrs. McDanal suggested that good literature be sent in our boxes, as it was highly appreciated.

Bedding was contributed by Mrs. G. L. Green, of McElwain, for Rev. W. M. Colwell, Cameron, Indian Territory.

On account of sickness, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton could not be present to tell of her good work among the young people. She was greatly missed by all, especially the little Sunbeams, who had come especially to see their leader. They sang a very sweet song called "Little Sunbeams."

Mrs. Franklin made a strong plea for missions.

An interesting letter was read by the Secretary, and Mrs. Ivey followed in an earnest prayer for Alabama's Missionary.

Miss Carrie Franklin read a long letter from Dr. Hartwell, giving the every day life of his daughter—a beautiful life filled to overflowing with good works.

Many sweet appropriate songs were sung during the morning and afternoon sessions, with Miss Carrie Franklin leading and playing the organ.

Mrs. Franklin offered the closing prayer.

MRS. WILLIAM FRANKLIN,
Vice-President.

MRS. D. M. MALONE,
Secretary.

REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT.

CHURCHES	State Missions	Home and Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Orphans' Home	Institute Board
Avondale	$ 50 00	$ 75 00	$ 20 00	$ 15 00	$ 6 00
Birmingham, 1st	200 00	325 00	100 00	125 00	35 00
Birmingham, 2d	25 00	35 00	10 00	7 50	5 00
Birmingham, 3d	8 00	12 00	6 00	4 00	1 00
Birmingham, Southside	200 00	325 00	100 00	125 00	35 00
Central	8 00	13 00	10 00	5 00	1 00
Concord	6 00	9 00	5 00	2 50	1 00
Dolomite	25 00	35 00	15 00	10 00	3 00
Elyton	25 00	35 00	15 00	10 00	3 00
Green Springs	4 00	6 00	5 00	2 50	1 00
Johns	2 00	3 00	2 50	1 00	1 00
Mt. Olive	4 00	6 00	5 00	2 00	1 00
New Prospect	20 00	30 00	10 00	5 00	3 00
Oak Grove	8 00	12 00	10 00	5 00	1 00
Pratt City	120 00	180 00	25 00	25 00	15 00
Ruhama	150 00	250 00	75 00	50 00	25 00
Salem	10 00	15 00	10 00	5 00	1 50
Springville	16 00	24 00	10 00	5 00	2 00
Trussville	40 00	60 00	18 00	12 00	5 00
Irondale	16 00	15 00	10 00	5 00	1 00
Warrior	40 00	60 00	20 00	15 00	5 00
Williamsburg	4 00	6 00	5 00	2 50	1 00
Woodlawn	100 00	150 00	36 00	25 00	12 00
Brookside	4 00	6 00	3 00	2 00	1 00
Coalburg	12 00	18 00	5 00	2 50	1 50
Compton	4 00	6 00	4 00	2 00	1 00
Rocky Ridge	8 00	12 00	6 00	4 00	1 00
Blossburg	4 00	6 00	5 00	2 50	1 00
Bellview	4 00	6 00	5 00	2 55	1 00
Springdale	4 00	6 00	5 00	2 50	1 00
Piney Grove	6 00	9 00	5 00	5 00	1 00
McElwain	6 00	9 00	5 00	2 50	1 00
Mary Lee	1 00	1 00	50	50	1 00
Bethany	1 00	1 00	50	50	1 00
Newcastle	1 50	3 00	1 00	50	1 00
Compton Hill	1 00	1 00	50	50	1 00
Hebron	4 00	5 00	1 50	2 00	1 00
New Bethel	5 00	6 00	5 00	3 00	1 00
Shades Valley	3 00	3 00	2 50	1 50	1 00
Hopewell	4 00	6 00	2 00	1 50	1 00
Rehoba	2 00	4 00	1 50	1 00	1 00
Oxmoor	4 00	6 00	2 00	1 50	1 00
Sulphur Springs	2 00	4 00	1 50	1 00	1 00

HISTORICAL TABLE.

YEAR	CHURCH	MODERATOR	CLERK	INTRODUCTORY SERMON BY	MISSIONARY SERMON BY
1833	Canaan	Eld. H. Holcombe	A. J. Holcombe	Henry Cox	H. Holcombe
1834	Cahaba	Eld. H. Holcombe	J. B. Ayers		
1835	Roupe's Valley	Eld. H. Holcombe	J. B. Ayers		
1836	Ruhama	Eld. H. Holcombe	J. D. Armstrong		
1837	Bethel	Eld. H. Holcombe	Jesse Seale	H. Holcombe	Jesse Seale
1838	Reunion	H. Cox	H H. Rockett		
1839	Springville	H. Cox	H. H. Rockett	Jos. Byers	H. Holcombe
1840	Hebron	H. Cox	A. J. Holcombe		
1841	Roupe's Valley	H. Cox	A. J. Holcombe	Jos. Byers	J. Tate
1842	Cahaba	Jos. Byers	John Truss		
1843	Hebron	Jos. Byers	John Truss	Jos. Byers	J. Tate
1844	Liberty	Jos. Byers	A. J. Waldrop	J. Tate	J. Byers
1845	Salem	Jacob Tate	A. J. Waldrop	Jas. Truss	A. J. Waldrop
1846	Shoal Creek	Jos. Byers	A. J. Waldrop		
1847	Rock Creek	Jos. Byers	A. J. Waldrop		
1848	Ruhama	Jos. Moor	A. J. Waldrop		
1849	Hebron	Jos. Moor	A. J. Waldrop		
1850	Mud Creek	Jos. Moor	A. J. Waldrop		
1851	Springville	Jos. Moor	A. J. Waldrop	W. C. Harris	J. Byers
1852	Hebron	H. G. Smith	A. J. Waldrop		
1853	Roupe's Valley	H. G. Smith	A. J. Waldrop		
1854	Cahaba	H. G. Smith	A. J. Waldrop		
1855	Rock Creek	H. G. Smith	A. J. Waldrop		
1856	Salem	H. G. Smith	A. J. Waldrop		
1857	Ruhama	A. J. Waldrop	E. E Moor		
1858	Ruhama	A. J. Waldrop	J. A. Baker		
1859	Good Hope	A. J. Waldrop	J. A. Baker		
1860	Central	A. J. Waldrop	John Truss		
1861	Mud Creek	Jas. Grimes	A. G. Waldrop	H. G. Smith	

1862	Springville	A. J. Waldrop	John Truss		
1863	Salem	A. J. Waldrop	A. C. Thomason		
1864	Roupe's Valley	A. J. Waldrop	A. C. Thomason		
1865	Cahaba	A. J. Waldrop	James Grimes		
1866	Sulphur Springs	A. J. Waldrop	James Grimes		
1867	Ruhama	A. J. Waldrop	James Grimes	James Grimes	W. T. Rodgers
1868	Springville	A. J. Waldrop	N. B. Talley		A. J. Waldrop
1869	Cahaba	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	James Grimes	A. J. Waldrop
1870	Rock Creek	A. J. Waldrop	James Grimes		
1871	Ruhama	A. J. Waldrop	James Grimes	Wm. M. Davis	J. B. Huckabee
1872	Sulphur Springs	A. J. Waldrop	James Grimes	J. A. McDonald	J. A. Collins
1873	Springville	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	J. A. Collins
1874	Good Hope	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	A. J. Waldrop	P. M. Musgrove
1875	New Liberty	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	J. H. Weatherly	A. J. Waldrop
1876	Pleasant Ridge	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	J. H. Weatherly	E. B. Waldrop
1877	Cahaba	A. J. Waldrop	J. H. Weatherly	G. T. Lee	T. M. Bailey
1878	Ruhama	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	N. B. Williams
1879	Springville	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	A. J. Waldrop	J. H. Hendon
1880	Pleasant Ridge	A. J. Nunnelly	E. B. Waldrop		M. M. Wood
1881	Canaan	A. J. Nunnelly	E. B. Waldrop	B. S. Thompson	B. F. Hendon
1882					
1883					
1884	Salem	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	S. Henderson
1885	Ruhama	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	W. S. Rodgers	J. F. Purser
1886	Springville	W. C. Cleveland	E. B. Waldrop		D. I. Purser
1887	Dolomite	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	D. I. Purser	J. C. Hudson
1888	Pratt City	A. J. Waldrop	R. W. Beck	W. A. Hobson	G. A. Chunn
1889	Ruhama	A. J. Waldrop	R. W. Beck	B. F. Riley	S. Henderson
1890	Bessemer	A. J. Waldrop	R. W. Beck	A. W. McGaha	W. L. Pickard
1891	Trussville	A. J. Waldrop	R. W. Beck	M. M. Wood	P. T. Hale
1892	Warrior	A. J. Waldrop	R. W. Beck	P. T. Hale	A. W. McGaha
1893	Woodlawn	A. J. Waldrop	F. M. Wood	W. A. Hobson	B. F. Giles
1894	New Prospect	A. J. Waldrop	F. M. Wood	B. D. Gray	P. T. Hale
1895	Pratt City	A. J. Waldrop	M. M. Wood	A. B. Johnston	B. D. Gray
1896	Ruhama	R. J. Waldrop	M. M. Wood	M. M. Wood	W. R. Ivey
1897	Irondale	R. J. Waldrop	M. M. Wood	W. A. Hobson	G. T. Lee
1898	Springville	R. J. Waldrop	M. M. Wood	W. R. Ivey	J. V. Dickinson
1899	Pinson	R. J. Waldrop	M. M. Wood	R. M. Hunter	

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF BIRMINGHAM ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR 1899.

CHURCHES	MISSIONS					EDUCATION					HOME EXPENSES.				
	State	Home	Foreign	Greensboro Church	Institute Board	Ministerial	College Buildings	Denominational Debts	Orphans' Home	Minutes	Pastor's Salary	Repairs and New Buildings	Poor, Fuel, Sunday Schools, etc.	Total	Value of Property
Avondale	$.....	$ 11 40	$ 16 20	$.....	$.....	$16 37	$.....	$ 52 00	$ 58 18	$ 2 00	$ 701 92	$1,188 66	$ 332 99	$ 2,369 72	$ 3,650 00
Bellview	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	60 00	81 68	.....	143 23	1,000 00
Bessemer	68 00	61 33	68 50	.....	.....	28 00	.....	104 00	15 00	2 50	1,020 00	10 50	430 21	1,808 04	6,000 00
Birmingham, First	126 30	5 00	85 85	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1,584 50	36 68	5 00	2,400 00	369 00	1,472 10	6,094 43	15,000 00
" Southside	.....	177 10	59 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	570 00	.....	5 00	2,250 00	13,275 83	1,403 23	17,745 16	45,000 00
" Second	.....	22 53	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	726 70	852 73	6,000 00
" Third	2 95	24 00	2 95	.....	.....	2 90	.....	.....	.....	1 35	212 85	182 52	90 52	520 04	1,500 00
Canaan	5 46	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 02	.....	.....	3 98	80	78 75	1 00	67 56	161 57	500 00
Central	2 89	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 15	.....	33 98	8 02	51 04	800 00
Compton Hill	3 85	58	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	62 21	20 00	20 00	107 71	100 00
Concord	90	60	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	75 00	.....	6 66	85 76	.....
Dolomite	10 03	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 99	.....	.....	.....	2 00	185 71	12 95	78 02	295 70	800 00
Elyton	1 48	1 47	1 11	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	274 10	70 00	97 48	452 14	1,500 00
Hebron	2 40	1 80	1 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	7 00	.....
Hopewell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 65	25 73	.....	3 88	31 26	500 00
McElwain	8 00	6 00	6 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	2 50	1 50	142 81	.....	14 81	186 62	1,000 00
Mount Olive	3 65	1 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	16 00	20 00	9 45	52 05	400 00
New Bethel	3 75	2 08	1 21	.....	.....	10 00	.....	27 50	4 00	2 25	46 05	35 00	27 95	159 79	500 00
Newcastle	2 70	2 03	2 04	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	75 00	.....	25 00	107 77	.....
New Prospect	10 77	8 20	5 00	7 38	.....	1 35	.....	12 03	4 18	2 00	81 85	.....	25 97	158 73	1,000 00
Oak Grove	40	47	40	.....	.....	2 50	.....	50	.....	1 60	28 75	.....	4 70	39 32	800 00
Oxmoor	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	95 60	.....	6 00	108 60	.....
Pine Grove	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	20 00	4 00	4 00	29 55	400 00
Pleasant Ridge	6 00	11 52	7 50	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	5 00	2 00	100 00	.....	98 00	240 02	1,075 00
Pratt City	112 34	91 41	57 02	.....	35 00	25 00	12 50	500 00	36 53	5 00	824 85	3,786 00	236 23	5,724 88	4,500 00
Rehoba	40	30	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....
Rocky Ridge	2 00	2 10	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	2 30	1 00	.....	25 00	13 00	46 90	400 00
Ruhama	80 43	124 50	100 00	.....	.....	17 98	.....	800 00	19 65	5 00	1,201 26	402 09	339 73	3,090 64	5,000 00
Salem	8 35	45 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	1 15	.....	450 00	10 35	516 35	600 00
Shades Valley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 15	1 50	.....	800 00	60 00	864 65	850 00
Springdale	1 50	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 01	43 50	.....	50 00	99 51	450 00
Springville	7 74	3 25	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	2 00	54 70	1 00	67 86	146 55	1,000 00
Sulphur Springs	52	39	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 30	60	.....	.....	.....	3 20	.....
Talladega	3 52	109 19	14 03	5 69	.....	14 21	.....	117 70	11 73	1 50	212 00	.....	101 67	591 17	1,000 00
Union	8 00	5 84	6 16	.....	.....	1 50	.....	1 00	6 00	2 50	100 00	.....	66 80	198 80	100 00
Warrior	7 21	67 50	12 93	15 00	14 49	11 30	.....	100 00	35 61	1 50	300 00	.....	72 15	638 69	1,700 00
Woodlawn	89 50	64 50	34 00	20 00	10 00	15 00	.....	551 00	17 00	3 00	1,150 00	343 35	237 69	2,535 04	8,000 00
Wylam	3 00	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75	1 10	1 60	.....	225 00	23 91	262 26	600 00
Collections at Association	31 79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 67	.....	.....	.....	.....	59 46	.....
TOTAL	$620 48	$841 54	$503 56	$63 07	$59 49	$183 62	$ 12 50	$4,521 98	$295 96	$70 76	$11,633 63	$21,337 56	$6,232 57	$46,579 83	$111,725 00

STATISTICS OF BIRMINGHAM ASSOCIATION, 1899.

CHURCHES	PASTOR		CLERK		Membership Last Report	Increase by				Decrease by				Present Membership	SUNDAY SCHOOL				Preaching Sabbaths	Reports Prayer Meeting	Reports Revival
	Name	Post Office	Name	Post Office		Baptism	Letter	Voucher	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death		Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Superintendent's Name	Post Office			
Avondale	R. M. Hunter	Avondale	J. A. Price	Avondale	241	5	22	...	2	24	3	8	3	232	13	115	A. B. Suddith	Avondale	All	Yes	...
Bellview	W. H. Connell	Six Mile	M. R. Russell	Kimbrell	55	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64	4	50	J. K. Pemberton	Kimbrell	4th	...	Yes
Bessemer	W. R. Ivey	Bessemer	T. P. Waller	Bessemer	228	14	24	1	...	14	...	...	1	252	14	105	Bryan Waller	Bessemer	All	Yes	Yes
*Bethany	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Birmingham, First	B. D. Gray	Birmingham	J. F. Graham	Birmingham	534	14	39	...	...	35	...	...	7	545	18	250	L. J. Haley	Birmingham	All	Yes	...
Birmingham, S. Side	A. C. Davidson	Birmingham	W. B. Foster	Birmingham	613	5	55	1	10	47	2	...	6	629	22	275	E. H. Cabaniss	Birmingham	All	Yes	...
Birmingham, Sec'd	L. C. Kelley	N. Birmingham	R. D. Hill	N. Birmingham	84	20	24	...	1	14	3	...	1	111	10	125	J. Y. Rudford	N. Birmingham	All	Yes	Yes
Birmingham, Third	J. D. Ray	East Lake	D. J. Childress	Birmingham	50	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	52	8	45	Len Teal	Birmingham	All	Yes	...
*Blossburg	...	...	...	...	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Brookside	...	...	...	...	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Canaan	...	...	W. S. Harrison	Morgan	51	10	1	...	...	2	...	...	2	58	5	60	W. S. Harrison	Morgan	4th	Yes	Yes
Central	G. W. Lovell	...	R. M. Inzer	Argo	74	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	73	3	65	R. M. Inzer	Argo	2d	Yes	...
Coalburg	J. H. Pool	Coalburg	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Compton Hill	J. H. Pool	Coalburg	T. B. Furman	Birmingham	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	...	48	...	...	...	...	...
Concord	B. F. Shank	Natural Bridge	A. W. Bonds	Sandusky	40	3	15	...	...	5	1	...	1	51	6	76	D. M. Connell	Sandusky	2d	...	...
Dolomite	G. W. Lovell	...	J. O. Colley	Dolomite	147	...	2	...	...	4	2	...	...	143	8	73	E. A. Harrison	Dolomite	1st-3d	...	...
Elyton	G. T. Lee	East Lake	D. R. Weaver	Elyton	106	2	22	...	2	2	6	1	...	123	7	76	M. P. Lewis	Birmingham, Box 75	All	Yes	...
*Green Springs	...	...	...	...	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hebron	...	...	J. A. McDanal	Bridgeton	61	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	1	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Irondale	W. Y. Browning	Irondale	A. J. McDanal	Irondale	67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Mary Lee	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
McElwain	W. Y. Browning	Irondale	W. B. Baker	Birmingham	31	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	33	8	45	W. B. Baker	Birmingham	2d-4th	Yes	Yes
Mt. Olive	G. S. Wyatt	Ayers	T. P. Moor	Clay	47	...	9	...	...	2	1	...	1	52	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Bethel	J. G. Lowrey	Warrior	J. I. Caddell	Yuma	101	13	1	...	5	16	3	...	...	101	7	90	J. I. Caddell	Yuma	4th	Yes	Yes
Newcastle	M. T. Branham	Platt	Jerry Fountain	Newcastle	17	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	10	60	G. W. Foust	Newcastle	1st	...	...
New Prospect	M. M. Wood	Huffman	W. O. M. Franklin	Huffman	119	...	...	...	...	5	...	2	2	110	6	46	W. L. C. Vann	Huffman	2d-4th	Yes	Yes
Oak Grove	M. T. Branham	Platt	J. B. McCombs	Newcastle	103	8	5	...	...	2	...	...	1	113	6	49	T. A. Anderson	Newcastle	4th	...	Yes
Pine Grove	W. Y. Browning	Irondale	G. W. Frazier	Huffman	33	1	4	...	...	7	...	...	...	31	3	15	B. M. Waldrop	Huffman	1st	Yes	Yes
Pleasant Ridge	J. C. Gilmer	East Lake	N. B. Huey	Bessemer	125	21	3	...	...	5	...	...	...	144	11	80	B. B. Waldrop	Bessemer	4th	Yes	Yes
Pratt City	J. V. Dickinson	Pratt City	Pat Felton, Jr.	Pratt City	302	4	14	...	...	10	5	...	3	302	17	160	J. W. Minor	Ensley	All	Yes	...
Rocky Ridge	J. M. Huey	East Lake	M. M. Roper	Trussville	73	13	3	...	...	27	...	...	...	62	6	50	M. M. Roper	Trussville	4th	...	Yes
Ruhama	W. A. Hobson	East Lake	H. H. Brown	East Lake	414	7	35	...	...	35	1	...	3	417	18	283	R. J. Waldrop	East Lake	All	Yes	...
Salem	J. M. Huey	East Lake	J. H. Hagood	Pinson	78	...	5	...	...	5	...	...	...	78	8	98	Wm. Franklin	Pinson	3d	...	...
Shade's Valley	R. M. Hunter	Avondale	J. H. Aldrich	Ishkooda	20	25	18	...	...	2	3	...	...	58	5	43	Hamp Parsons	Ishkooda	4th	...	Yes
Springdale	M. T. Branham	Platt	W. H. Carlisle	Greene	81	3	9	...	...	14	2	...	...	77	7	60	T. M. Mullins	Platt	3d	...	Yes
Springville	P. S. Montgomery	Springville	J. B. Herring	Springville	94	2	9	...	...	3	2	...	3	97	6	50	P. S. Montgomery	Springville	1st-3d	Yes	Yes
†Rehoba	P. S. Montgomery	Springville	C. J. Shurbet	...	...	19	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
†Oxmoor	F. H. Watkins	East Lake	W. J. Williams	Oxmoor	...	20	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	...	...	...	...	1st	...	...
†Sulphur Springs	...	...	T. J. Bradford	Trussville	...	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Trussville	M. M. Wood	Huffman	D. H. Vann	Huffman	124	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	3	121	9	70	R. H. Hendon	Trussville	1st-3d	...	Yes
Union	J. A. Glenn	Ashville	Robt. Jones	Turpin	70	10	3	...	...	4	1	1	...	77	8	75	W. A. Duran	Turpin	2d	Yes	Yes
Warrior	J. G. Lowrey	Warrior	T. C. Bibb	Warrior	101	...	16	..	...	6	...	...	...	111	7	80	D. N. Smith	Warrior	3d-4th	Yes	...
*Williamsburg	A. White	Toadvine	Wm. Hicks	Porter	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Woodlawn	W. M. Blackwelder	Woodlawn	F. M. Wood	Woodlawn	329	34	46	...	...	22	...	...	...	387	19	232	J. B. Gibson	Birmingham	All	Yes	Yes
Wylam	W. B. Earnest	Wylam	J. H. Tidwell	Wylam	27	23	20	...	...	1	2	...	...	67	9	38	C. S. LeCren	Wylam	All	Yes	Yes
Total	...	...	...	...	4855	289	476	3	20	318	38	12	38	5250	288	2907	...	...	...	...	...

*Not represented last reported statistics. †Newly organized.